

REMARKS

Claims 13-28 are pending. In the Office Action mailed September 3, 2003 (Paper No. 7), all pending claims were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting. A terminal disclaimer is submitted herewith in accordance with MPEP 804.02(II). Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

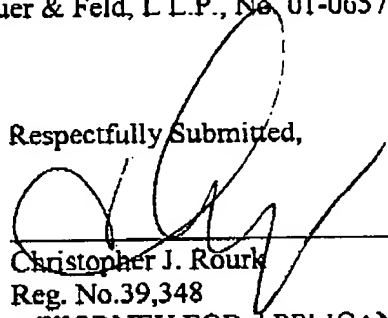
In view of the foregoing remarks and for various other reasons readily apparent, Applicants submit that all of the claims now present are allowable, and withdrawal of the rejections and a Notice of Allowance are courteously solicited.

If any impediment to the allowance of the claims remains after consideration of this request for reconsideration, and such impediment could be alleviated during a telephone interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (214) 969-4669 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

A fee of \$110.00 for a statutory disclaimer is believed due at this time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the deposit account of Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld, L.L.P., No. 01-0657 for said fee. If any other applicable fee or refund has been overlooked, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee or credit any refund to the deposit account of Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld, L.L.P., No. 01-0657.

Respectfully Submitted,

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